ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus and accompanying methods for use
therein for implementing an integrated, virtual office user
environment, through an office server(s), through which a
remotely stationed user can access typical office

5   network-based applications, including e-mail, file sharing
and hosted thin-client programs, through a remotely located
network, e.g., WAN, connected web browser. Specifically, a
front end, namely a service enablement platform (SEP), to .
one or more office servers on a LAN is connected to both

10   the WAN and LAN and acts both as a bridge between the user
and his(her) office applications and as a protocol
translator to enable bi-directional, web-based, real-time
communication to occur between the browser and each such
application. During initial operation, the SEP, operating

15   under a default profile, establishes, over an analog
connection to the WAN, a management session with the site .
to obtain customer WAN access information, then tears down
the analog connection and establishes a broadband WAN
connection through which the SEP re-establishes its prior

20   session and obtains a client certificate and its customized
profile. The SEP then re-initializes itself to that
particular profile.